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Actor Charged in Domestic Violence Assault

Actor Edward Furlong was charged today with assaulting his girlfriend and threatening her if she called police, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Furlong, 35, was arraigned at the Los Angeles Superior Court, Airport Branch, and pleaded not guilty in case SA084407, said Deputy District Attorney Linda Loftfield. He was being held on \$100,000 bail.

Furlong, who had two pending misdemeanor battery cases, allegedly violated a restraining order when he returned to the victim's West Hollywood home on May 21 and assaulted her. He also allegedly damaged laptop and photo equipment.

He was charged with dissuading a witness by force or threat, assault by means to likely to produce great bodily injury and vandalism over \$400 -- all felonies -- and disobeying a domestic restraining order, a misdemeanor.

The two pending misdemeanor cases involving incidents on Nov. 21, 2012, and Jan. 13 against the same victim were dismissed after prosecutors included the two charges in the new case.

If convicted, the Terminator 2 actor faces up to four years in state prison.

He returns to court on July 1 to set a date for his preliminary hearing.

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